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#### VIA ECFS

November 10, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

RE:

Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42 - Correction to FCC Form 481 - Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc., (the Cooperative) Study Area Code 442065, revised an error on its FCC Form 481 (Line 600 - Functionality in Emergency Situations) reported in the FCC Form 481, filed at the Commission on July 1, 2014. The Cooperative is enclosing the cover letter and the FCC Form 481 previously filed at the FCC in accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.422.

The corrected FCC Form 481 has also been refiled with the USAC and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Deborah K. Morgan

Authorized Representative for Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau,

Mr. Lonnie Rue, Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Mr. Ted Scobee, Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.



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July 1, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT - Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42

Request that Information Submitted to the Commission be Withheld from Public Inspection Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §0.459 and 5 U.S.C. §552(b)(4): Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan included in FCC Form 481

Confidential Financial Information – Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, Before the Federal Communications Commission

#### Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with the annual reporting requirements of 47 C.F.R. §§54.313 and 54.422, Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (the Cooperative), Study Area Code 442041, is submitting a completed FCC Form 481 to the Commission via its Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 11-42. The Cooperative, by its authorized representative, hereby requests confidential treatment of two attachments to its FCC Form 481: (1) the five-year service quality improvement plan and (2) the financial annual report, both of which were redacted in the ECFS submission. The request for confidential treatment of the five-year plan is being made pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and Exemption 4 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The request for confidential treatment of the financial annual report is being made pursuant to the FCC's November 16, 2012 *Protective Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. These attachments contain competitively sensitive data that Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. maintains as confidential and does not normally make available to the public. Release of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Cooperative.



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Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan

Pursuant to section 0.459 of the Commission's rules and Exemption 4 of FOIA, Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. requests that the text and data extracted from its five-year service quality improvement plan be withheld from public inspection because it contains competitively sensitive commercial and financial information that the Cooperative keeps confidential. Public availability of this information would have a substantial negative impact on the Cooperative.

In accordance with section 0.459 of the Commission's rules, the following information is provided in support of this request:

(1) Identification of the specific information for which confidential treatment is sought:

Attachment to Line 112 of FCC Form 481 – Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan. Specifically, confidential treatment is sought for all information in the five-year plan related to the Cooperative's access line counts, existing broadband capabilities, and its network investment plans through 2019 that will improve service quality for its customers.

(2) Identification of the Commission proceeding in which the information was submitted or a description of the circumstances giving rise to the submission:

The information was submitted in WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 11-42 as an attachment to FCC Form 481- the Carrier Annual Reporting Data Collection Form. Section 100 of FCC Form 481 requires incumbent local exchange carriers receiving high cost support to attach a five-year service quality improvement plan, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§54.202(a)(1)(ii) and 54.313(a)(1).

(3) Explanation of the degree to which the information is commercial or financial, or contains a trade secret or is privileged:

The five-year service quality improvement plan contains granular information on the Cooperative's access line counts and existing broadband capabilities as well as detailed plans for financial investments in its network through 2019 to improve service to subscribers. This is closely guarded, privileged information that the Cooperative does not make publicly available.

(4) Explanation of the degree to which the information concerns a service that is subject to competition:

Broadband is subject to increasing competition in the areas served by rural, rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carriers (RLECs). Virtually all RLECs face competition from one or more wireless Internet service providers. Most RLECs also face competition from at least one other wireline broadband provider such as a larger cable company, who will typically seek to "cherry pick" the lower cost portions of the study area. In addition, all RLECs face competition throughout their territories from satellite broadband providers.



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(5) Explanation of how disclosure of the information could result in substantial competitive harm:

Disclosure of the information contained in the five-year plan would provide competitors with detailed, granular information regarding the Cooperative's access line count, its existing broadband capabilities, and its strategic plans for network investments. This would give competitors invaluable confidential information with which to develop their own strategies for investing in the service area, thereby bringing substantial competitive harm to the Cooperative.

(6) Identification of any measures taken by the submitting party to prevent unauthorized disclosure:

The Cooperative has continually treated the extracted information in its five-year plan as confidential and carefully controls the information to protect it from competitors. Access to the information is limited to employees that require it and to non-employees with confidentiality obligations such as lenders, consultants, auditors, and attorneys. In addition, when such information is required to be submitted to a state regulatory authority it has been filed as confidential information, not available to the public.

(7) Identification of whether the information is available to the public and the extent of any previous disclosure of the information to third parties:

The redacted information in the five-year plan is not available to the public, and third party access is limited as described in (6) above.

(8) Justification of the period during which the submitting party asserts that material should not be available for public disclosure:

The Cooperative requests that the extracted information be withheld from public inspection indefinitely. Although the information reflects the Cooperative's service improvement plans for a five year period, it would provide a very useful baseline for competitors for several years beyond that period.

(9) Any other information that the party seeking confidential information treatment believes may be useful in assessing whether its request for confidentiality should be granted:

Exemption 4 of FOIA shields from public disclosure commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential. Based on the responses provided above, the information in question satisfies this test.

**Financial Annual Report** 

Section 3005 of FCC Form 481 requires a privately-held rate-of-return carrier receiving high cost support to attach a full and complete annual report of the Cooperative's financial condition and operations pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2). Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. seeks confidential treatment of its financial annual report pursuant to the November 16, 2012 *Protective Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90, et al.¹ The *Protective Order* specifically covers information filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(f)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Protective Order, DA 12-1857 (rel. Nov. 16, 2012).



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Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is providing to the Office of the Secretary, under seal, this cover letter and the Form 481 filing which includes the confidential information that is being requested to be withheld from public inspection.

Each page of the five-year service quality improvement plan confidential submission bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL - NOT FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE."

Each page of the financial annual report confidential submission bears the legend, "CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, CC DOCKET NOS. 01-92, 96-45, GN DOCKET NO. 09-51, WT DOCKET NO. 10-208, BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION."

Two copies of the Form 481 filing in redacted form and an accompanying cover letter are also being provided with the confidential filing. Each page of the redacted filing and accompanying cover letter is marked "REDACTED – FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION."

Two copies of this cover letter and the Form 481 filing with the confidential information are also being delivered to Mr. Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

The confidential information has also been submitted to the Universal Service Administrative Company through its E-File system as an attachment to the FCC Form 481.

This cover letter includes no confidential information and the text is the same in both the non-redacted and redacted versions except for the confidentiality markings.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Deb Morgan

Authorized Representative for

Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

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**Enclosures** 

cc: Mr. Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, (2 hardcopies of non-redacted submission)

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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

# Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate. Name of Reporting Carrier: Signature of Authorized Officer: Date Printed name of Authorized Officer: Title or position of Authorized Officer: Telephone number of Authorized Officer: Filing Due Date for this form: Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

#### Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier certify that (Name of Agent) Deb Morgan is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate. Name of Authorized Agent: Deb Morgan Name of Reporting Carrier: BRAZOS TEL COOP INC Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 11/06/2014 Printed name of Authorized Officer: Lonnie Rue Title or position of Authorized Officer: CEO Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 9405645659 ext .7340 Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 442041 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014 Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

#### Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier l, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate. BRAZOS TEL COOP INC Name of Reporting Carrier: Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Deb Morgan Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE Date: 11/06/2014 Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Deb Morgan Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Manager Business Compliance Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: 5126527705 ext. Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 442041 Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2014 Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.



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(710) Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form

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State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees		Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)
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#### LINE 112 - FIVE-YEAR SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Following is the initial five-year service quality improvement plan for Valliant Telephone Company, Inc. ("Valliant" or "the Company") pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(1)(ii) that requires an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to describe proposed improvements or upgrades to the ETC's network throughout its service area. The USF/ICC Transformation Order establishes a public interest obligation for rate-of-return ETCs to provide broadband service at speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream (4:1) "upon reasonable request." A service quality improvement plan cannot project where in the service area reasonable requests will be made. However, the proposed network expenditures in this plan ensure the continuation of high-quality voice and broadband services within the Company's service territory.

Although this plan is a good faith effort by the Company, it is subject to change, given the uncertainty faced by ETCs regarding whether capital investments will be recoverable over the five year planning horizon. Factors that may affect the capital improvements plan include erosion of the customer base due to competition, alternative technologies, economic conditions in the service area, and unpredictable changes in the universal service support amounts an ETC receives.

Valliant owns and operates three exchanges serving subscribers in the southeastern Oklahoma. The service area includes portions of Chocktaw, McCurtain, and Pushmataha counties. The Company's service area covers approximately 222 square miles.

#### **Baseline Network Description**



Table 1 - Current Broadband Capabilities

Exchange Name	Total Square Miles	Total Existing Access Lines	Estimated Total Population Served	Broadband Capable Lines	Estimated Broadband Capable Population	% Broadband Capable

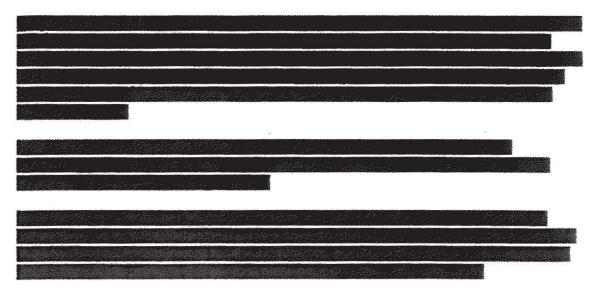
### 2014 - 2019 Service Quality Improvement Plan

Table 2 provides Valliant's intended service quality improvements and associated capital expenditures for 2014 – 2019, by exchange, along with estimates of the population that will be served by the improvements.

Table 2 - Service Quality Improvement Plan

Exchange	Description of Improvement	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Estimated Population Served by Improvements

#### Narrative Description: 2014 - 2019



#### LINE 510 - SERVICE QUALITY STANDARDS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION RULES COMPLIANCE

Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. complies with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules as required by the state regulatory commission and the Federal Communications Commission.

The rates, terms, and conditions under which the Cooperative operates are outlined in its Local Exchange Tariff, which is approved by the state commission. The Cooperative's tariff contains provisions regarding its customer service and protection practices, including resolving disputes with the Cooperative, applying for service, the classification of business and residential rates, deposits, billing and payment for service, refusal, disconnection and cancellation of service. The tariff is available for customer review in the Business Office, as requested. Rates and terms of service are disclosed to customers upon application for service both verbally and in writing as part of a packet of information for new customers. Rates, applications and certain terms of service are also available on the Cooperative's website.

Service quality standards are established by the state commission and the Cooperative consistently meets or exceeds the standards and provides reports to the state commission, in accordance with the state commission's rules.

The protection of customers' privacy and information is of utmost importance and the Cooperative has a policy and established operating procedures that comply with the FCC's Customer Proprietary Network Information (CPNI) rules (47 C.F.R. §§64.2001-64.2011). Certification of the Cooperative's compliance with CPNI rules and a description of the Cooperative's operating procedures that ensure compliance are filed at the FCC annually.

#### LINE 610 - ABILITY TO FUNCTION IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. is able to function in emergency situations. The Cooperative has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source. Standby power generators are supplied at the central office, remote switch sites, and repeater sites to ensure functionality without an external power source until power is restored. The network is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations.

The Cooperative is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Although the Cooperative's ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities is not absolute and may be limited in certain circumstances, there is a restoration plan in place for expeditious recovery of service, including splicing of damaged facilities when warranted.

#### LINE 1010 - VOICE SERVICES RATE COMPARABILITY

The Wireline Competition Bureau's most recent reasonable comparability benchmark for voice services is \$46.96, which includes the federal subscriber line charge ("SLC").1

In the exchanges served by Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("the Cooperative"), the highest single-line residential local rate, including any mandatory extended area service charge, is \$22.43. When the federal SLC (\$6.50) and the state universal service fee (\$.83) are included, the rate becomes \$29.76. Therefore, the Cooperative's pricing of fixed voice services is less than the reasonable comparability benchmark of \$46.96.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Results of Urban Rate Survey for Voice Services; Seeks Comment on Petition for Extension of Time to Comply With New Rate Floor, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 14-384 (rel. Mar. 20, 2014), p. 2.



#### Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Directors Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. Olney, Texas

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc., which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, changes in members' equity, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Brazos Telephone Cooperative, Inc. as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 12 to the financial statements, management has elected to change its policy for accounting for the investment in cellular entities in 2013. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Curtis Blakely + Co, P.C. Longview, Texas

April 4, 2014

#### BRAZOS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS December 31

#### Assets

#### Current Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents
Temporary investments
Accounts receivable
Accrued unbilled revenue
Materials and supplies
Prepaid income taxes
Other prepayments
Deferred income taxes

**Total Current Assets** 

Property, Plant, and Equipment: Plant in service Plant under construction

Total Property, Plant, and Equipment

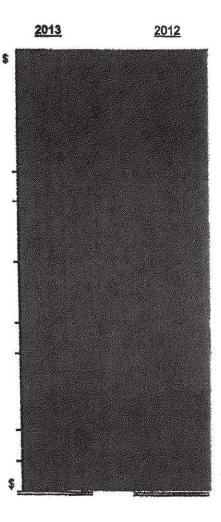
Less: Accumulated depreciation

Net Property, Plant, and Equipment

Investments and Other Assets: Investment in cellular entities Other Investments Deferred charges

**Total Investments and Other Assets** 

**Total Assets** 



#### BRAZOS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS December 31

#### Liabilities and Equities

#### **Current Liabilities:**

Current maturities of long-term debt
Accounts payable
Accrued income taxes
Accrued taxes
Accrued interest
Accrued compensated absences
Other accrued liabilities
Customer deposits

**Total Current Liabilities** 

Long-Term Debt, Less Current Maturities: CoBank mortgage notes

Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits: Deferred income taxes Accrued postretirement benefits

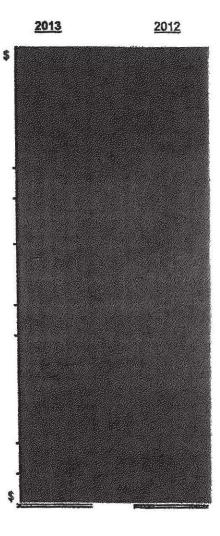
Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits

#### Members' Equities:

Memberships
Patronage capital assigned
Patronage capital assignable
Accumulated other comprehensive income:
Unrecognized postretirement benefit costs

**Total Equities** 

**Total Liabilities and Equities** 



## BRAZOS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS For the Years Ended December 31

#### **Operating Revenues:**

Local network services
Network access services
Long distance network services
Internet revenue
Miscellaneous
Less: Uncollectible recoveries (revenues)
Total Operating Revenues

#### **Operating Expenses:**

Plant specific operations
Plant nonspecific operations
Depreciation and amortization
Customer operations
Corporate operations
Long distance expenses
Internet expenses
Other operating expenses
Total Operating Expenses

#### Operating Taxes:

Income taxes
Other operating taxes
Total Operating Taxes

#### **Operating Margin**

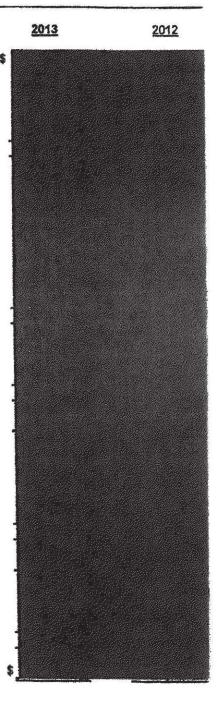
#### Nonoperating Margin:

Interest and dividend income Cellular entitles' distributions Other nonoperating expense Income taxes Total Nonoperating Margin

#### Margin Before Interest Charges

# Interest Charges: Interest expense Capitalized interest Total Interest Charges

#### Net Wargin

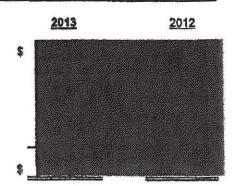


## BRAZOS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the Years Ended December 31

Not Margin

Other Comprehensive Income:
Postretirement health plan benefits:
Actuarial gain (loss) arising
Reclassification of prior year comprehensive income
amounts included in current year net income

Comprehensive Income



## BRAZOS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY For the Years Ended December 31

	Memberships	Patronage Gapital Assignable	Patronage Capital Assigned	Accumulated     Other     Comprehensive     Income	Total
Balance, January 1, 2012 as Previously Reported	\$		NAME OF THE OWNER O		
Prior Period Adjustment, Change In Accounting Principle					
Balance, January 1, 2012 as Restated					
Patronage Capital Assigned					
Net Margin					
Actuerial Gain (Loss) Arising					
Amounts Reclassified From Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income					
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Retirements					
Balance, December 31, 2012					
Patronage Capital Assigned					
Net Margin					
Actuarial Gain (Loss) Arising					
Amounts Reclassified From Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income					
Hemberships Refunded					
Retirements					

Balance, December 31, 2013

## BRAZOS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Years Ended December 31

Cash Flows from Operating Activities:

Net margin

Adjustments to reconcile net margin to net cash provided by operating activities:

Depreciation and amortization

Patronage capital certificates received

Loss on disposal of equipment

Change in assets and liabilities:

Accounts receivable

Prepaids and deferred charges

Deferred tax assets

Accounts payable and accruals

Deferred tax liabilities and deferred credits

**Total Adjustments** 

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities

Cash Flows from Investing Activities:

Capital expenditures

Proceeds from sales of assets

Change in temporary investments

Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities

Cash Flows from Financing Activities:

Payments of long-term debt

Proceeds from cushion of credit

Memberships refunded

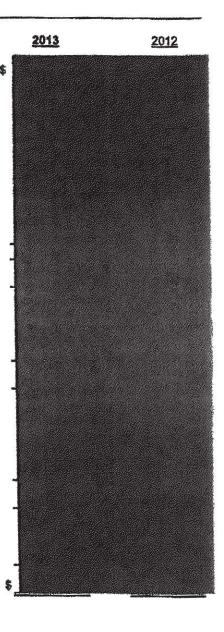
Patronage capital retired

Net Cash Used in Financing Activities

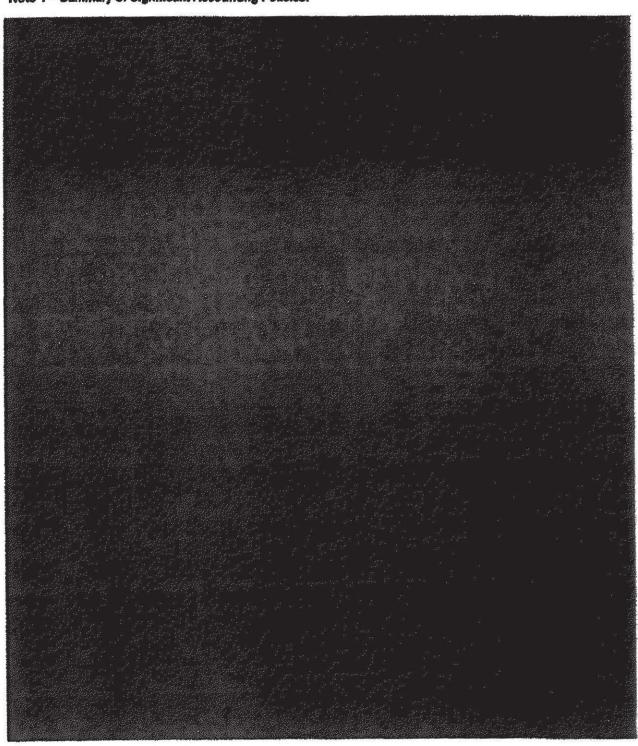
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year

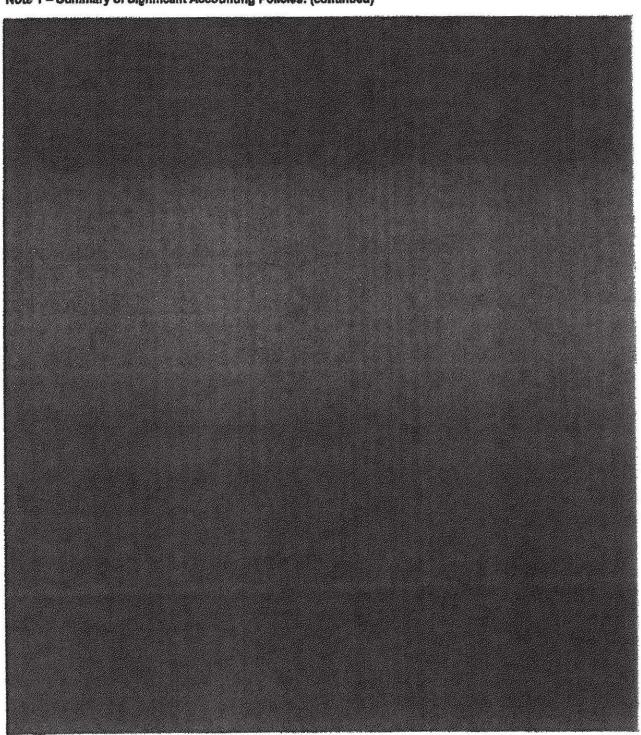
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year



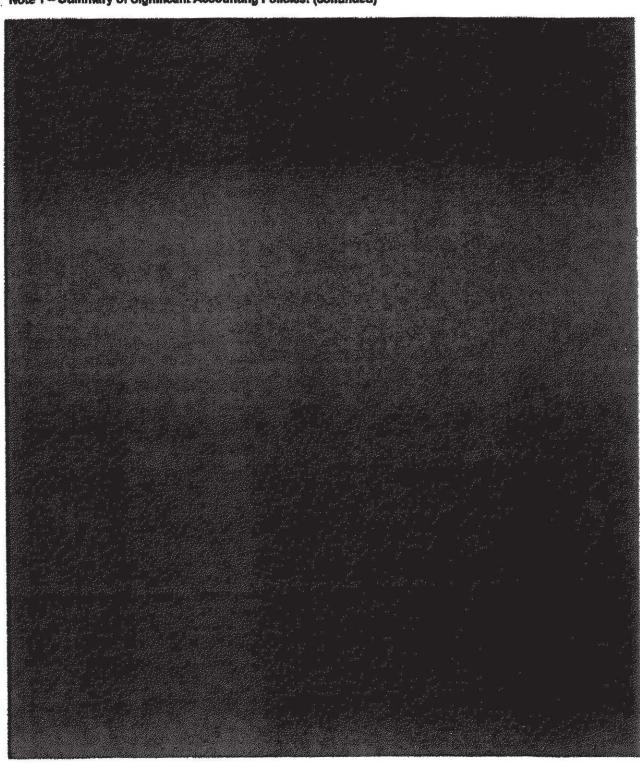
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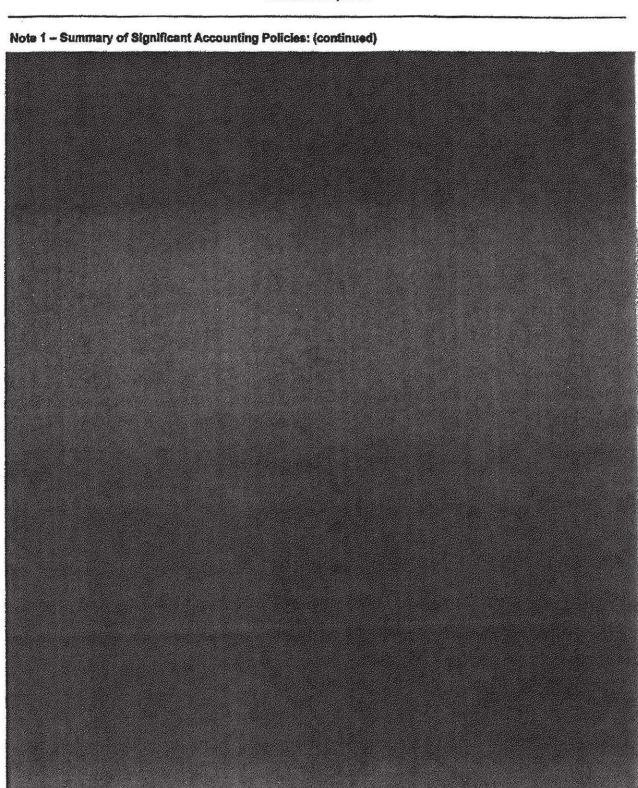


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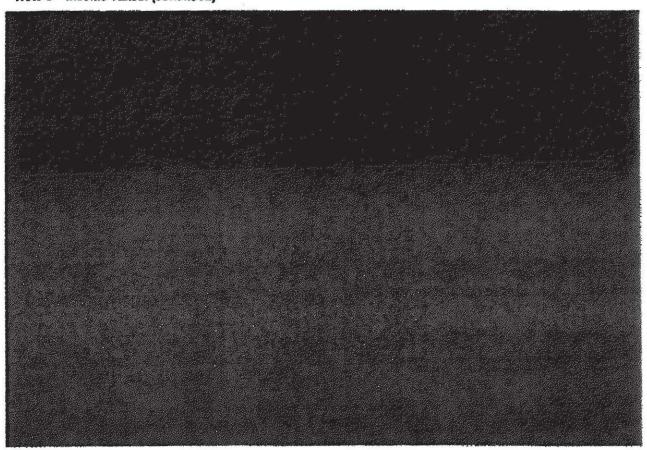


Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (continued)	
Note 2 - Accrued Unbilled Revenue:	
Note 3 - Income Taxes:	40

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## BRAZOS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2013





Note 5 - Investment in Cellular Entities:

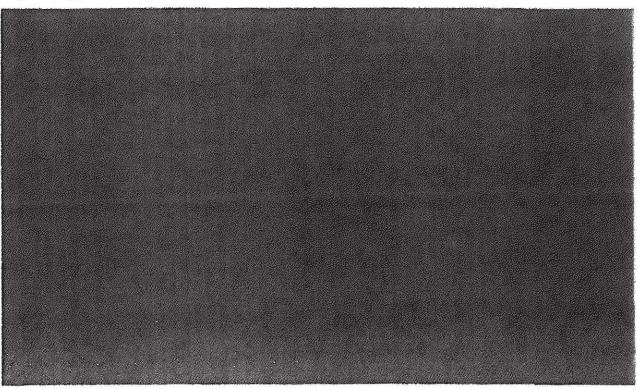


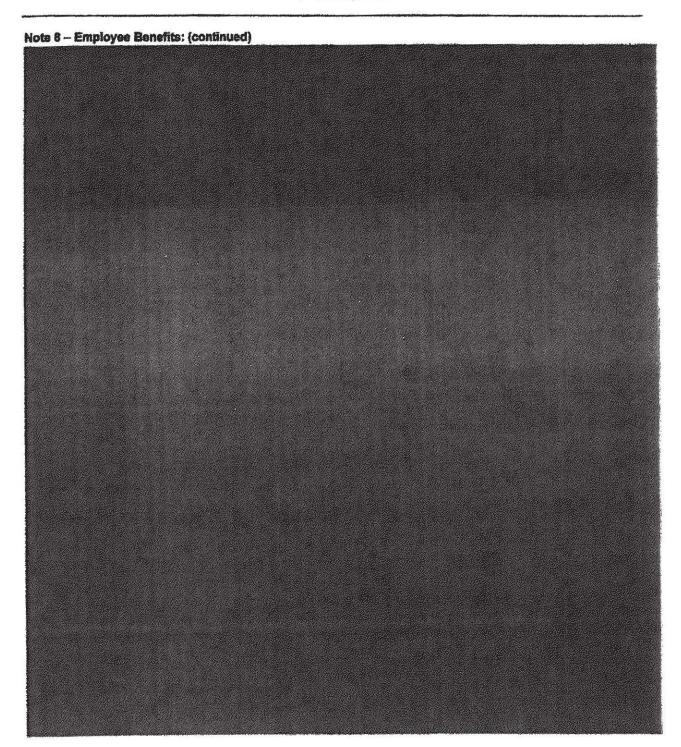
Note 6 - Other Investments:

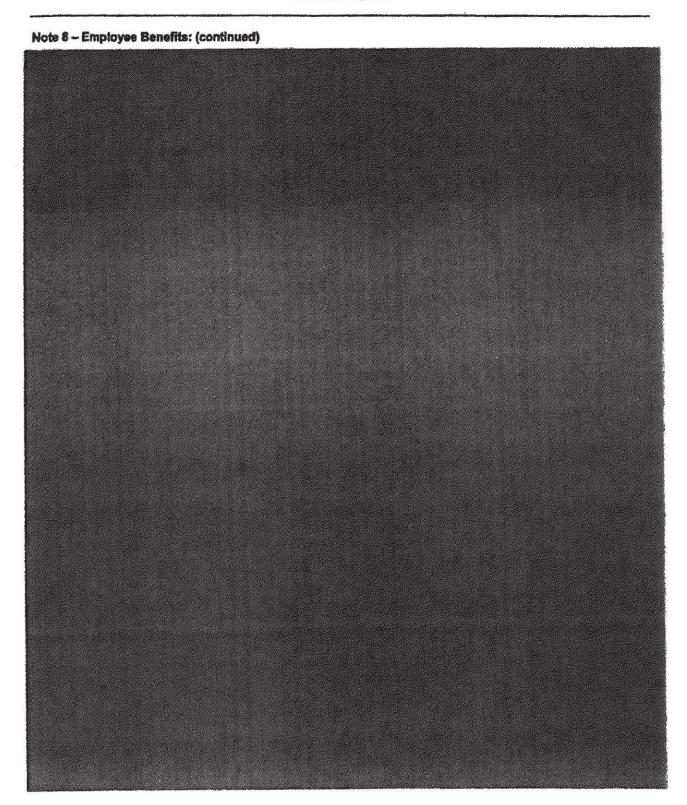
Other investments are stated at cost and contain the following:



Note 6 - Other investments: (continued)	
Note 7 - Long-Term Debt:	
Note 8 - Employee Benefits:	
Savings Plan	







Note 9 - Additional Cash Flow Information:	
Note 10 — Financial Instruments:	
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